

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 506  
By Hargett

A RESOLUTION to honor Vincent Charles Betro on his many accomplishments as a student at Bartlett High School.

WHEREAS, the Tennessee General Assembly is very proud that our state has as citizens some of the best and brightest students in the nation; and

WHEREAS, Vincent Charles Betro, a senior at Bartlett High School, has clearly demonstrated his strong work ethic and exceptional academic ability; and

WHEREAS, majoring in Mathematics, English, and Journalism, Vincent has a perfect 4.0 Grade Point Average and ranks first academically in his class of 461; and

WHEREAS, voted senior class "Most Likely to Succeed", he has compiled very enviable test scores: ACT composite 34 (36 Reading, 34 English, 33 Science Reasoning, and 31 Math); PSAT (215, 74 verbal and 67 math and 214, 72 verbal and 70 math); and SAT 1460 composite (760 verbal and 700 math); and

WHEREAS, among his numerous honors are the Outstanding Academic Achievement Award, in his freshman, sophomore and junior years; and the Parent Teacher Student Association Academic Achievement Award, in his sophomore and junior years; and

WHEREAS, despite tough competition, Vincent was chosen a member of the prestigious National Honor Society and the Beta Club for his junior and senior years; was accepted to the Governor's School for Prospective Teachers, the Sciences and the Humanities in his

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sophomore year; he received the United States Achievement Academic Award in his junior year; and was a National Merit Scholar during his junior and senior years. He was also on the Bartlett Honor Roll all four years; and

WHEREAS, he also has the rare distinction of being chosen a member of both Sociedad Honoraria Hispanica (Spanish Honor Society) and Mu Alpha Theta (Mathematics Honor Society); and

WHEREAS, Vincent took all honors courses available during the year in which each course was offered, including Honors English (9-11), Precalculus, Algebra II, Geometry, Chemistry, and Biology; and

WHEREAS, a valued member of the school Knowledge Bowl team, he compiled the highest average points per practice score of all Bowl team members, participated on the first team in academic competitions at the University of Memphis and Vanderbilt University, and served admirably as captain of a team that participated in televised competition; and

WHEREAS, he has generously contributed his time and expertise as a member of the school newspaper staff as Editorial Manager, Copy Editor and Editor-in-Chief; the Key Club, working in various civic endeavors, including Habitat for Humanity; the Spanish Club; the Model United Nations; the History Club; the International Club; the PTSA Student Board, as Chairman of Community Services; the Class Ring Committee; and the Welcoming Committee for National Champion Cheerleading Squad; and

WHEREAS, this exemplary student and Tennessean also served as a Student Ambassador to the Memphis in May International Youth Summit, was the APEX Representative to Elmore Middle School, a Winterfest Court Nominee, and the Homecoming Guy Cheerleader; and

WHEREAS, he also worked as a football reporter for the *Bartlett Express*, and as a teacher's assistant for his journalism advisor; and

WHEREAS, he was one of only three Bartlett students who won the PTSA Citizenship Essay Contest, and he received an American Chemical Society Memphis Section Chemistry Student Achievement Award, successfully participated in the Tennessee Teachers' Association High School Mathematics Contest, won the MCI Capitol Opportunities Contest; and won the Civitan Club Essay Contest; and

WHEREAS, Vincent is a devout member of his church and has been active in a wide variety of church activities, including the Appalachian Service Project, the Carillon Bells, the Crossroads Youth Choir, the Joyful Noise Show Choir, the Bell Hops Ensemble, Footsoldiers, the church youth group, Vacation Bible School and the Bartlett Presbyterian Church Men's Softball team. He has also generously contributed his time to the Gotten House Project; and

WHEREAS, his admirable work experience has included mowing lawns, doing yard work, painting church parking spaces and being a sales associate at Brookstone in Wolfchase Galleria; his employers universally praise his extraordinary dedication and diligence; and

WHEREAS, Vincent is the son of proud parents, Vincent Nick and Claudia Ann Betro; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that this body pause in its deliberations to recognize this special student on his numerous accomplishments; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE-HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we honor, congratulate and commend Vincent Charles Betro, a role model for Bartlett High School students, and wish him well in what we are confident will be a successful future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.